

## ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EDTAC)

### Committee Meeting Minutes

Via video-conferencing

119 Lower Beech St- Wilmington and 900 Public Safety Blvd- Dover

Wednesday, November 8, 2018

1:00 – 3:00 pm

The Elderly and Disabled Transit Advisory Committee (EDTAC) met Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 1:00 pm via video conferencing.

In attendance:

#### **EDTAC Members**

Melissa Martin, Co- Chair  
Debbie Dunlap  
Bruce Fisher  
Ken Moore, CHEER  
Kathleen McCool  
Blake Roberts

#### **DTC Representatives**

Belinda Strickland, ADA Compliance Specialist  
David Lewis, Eligibility Supervisor  
David Dooley, Planning  
Myisha Brooks, Customer Service

#### **Guest:**

Amanda Reinhart, CLASI

#### **Members Absent**

Mary Greer  
Diane Schilling  
Brian Eng  
Darlene Cole

#### **Call to Order**

#### **Round Table Introductions**

Co-Chair Melissa Martin started the meeting and informed the committee she would come back to approval of September meeting minutes once Ken Moore arrived since there was not enough for a quorum.

First order of business was discussing what the EDTAC Committee wanted to do in honor of Addie Pack who passed away. The committee will wait to see if DTC plans to send flowers and if not they will send flowers. The committee will also have DTC do a press release in memory of Addie. Melissa will also contact the Governor's office to have them do a Proclamation/Tribute.

## **December Service Change (Planning Dept.)**

David Dooley, Planner gave the following updates for the fixed route service change on December 17, 2017.

### **New Castle County:**

- Downtown Wilmington area will be combining routes due to the request not to have much service around Rodney Square.
  - Route 13 {Routes 1 & 22}
  - Route 4 {Routes 4 & 24}
  - Route 10 {Routes 10 & 23}
  - Route 18 {Routes 18 & 21}
  - Route 31 will serve Belmont and the Corp Center
  - Route 12 will serve Market Street and also Route 11
  - French Street will have some additional service between 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> street. This will serve Bank of America, MBNA and the County building
  - Route 35 will no longer be running due to low ridership {off Naamans Rd}
- During mid-day some routes will have stops near Rodney Square but will not stop there. Notices will be sent out and the information will be placed on the DTC website.
- Changes are being made for a better flow in the downtown Wilmington area so buses don't have to turn around downtown.
- Data determining how service change is going usually takes about three months into the service change. Sometime in March DTC's Planning Department should have an update for the committee.

### **Kent County:**

- Route 107 extended to Capitol Park and DeIDOT Campus
- Inner county bus South and North bound no trips before 8:30am and trips will begin at the Dover Hub.

### **Sussex County:**

- Route 206 and 303 will serve Probation and Parole
- Route 206 will also serve the Lewis Transit Park & Ride.
- David also mentioned there would be some changes to the schedules that should take place around December 2018.

### **EDTAC Election:**

Due to the sudden passing of the Chair, Addie Pack per the bylaws the committee would need to have an election. Melissa wants to stay Co-Chair so the committee will need to vote on who they want for Chair. Blake Roberts was the only member who indicated he would like to be considered for the position as chair. It was agreed by the

committee since there were a few members that were not present that an email be sent to nominate Blake as Chair and if anyone else would like to be a candidate they should let Belinda Strickland know by December 15, 2017. If a member is not going to be at the next EDTAC meeting scheduled for January 10, 2018 they can send their vote via email or call Belinda Strickland.

### **Assistance with Appeal Process:**

Committee members wanted to revisit looking at adding additional people to help assist with the appeal hearing. There have been a few occasions that a hearing would need to be put off for a week or two because there was no one available to assist. It was discussed before to allow past committee members and paratransit riders to assist with appeal hearings. DART would provide ADA training so individuals would understand the process and how to make appropriate determinations whether someone qualifies for paratransit services or would be able to use fixed route services.

The committee suggested they begin efforts to start soliciting for new members. The following was suggested:

- Attend Life Conference (January 24, 2018)
- Have flyers with information about EDTAC and information on how to join and place in bags for the Life Conference.
- Contact agencies such as Senior Centers, CHEER, Modern Maturity Center, University of DE, Del-tech, send notices to Easter Seals, DVR and MS Society

### **DTC Updates:**

Eligibility: David Lewis, Eligibility Supervisor informed the committee there were three new cab companies added to the SCAT Program in New Castle. SCAT stands for Senior Citizens Affordable Taxi service for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

There are no new carriers in Sussex County.

Eligibility also updated all their forms on the DART website to make sure they are all accessible. The Travel Training position changed from Sussex County to New Castle County because there are more applications for that county. Floaters are used for all counties.

David also suggested to the committee that they might consider attending displays that DART attends to try to recruit EDTAC committee members by handing out information regarding membership.

Minutes for September's meeting were unable to be approved because there was not a quorum.

**ADJOURNED**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 2018

1:00-3:00